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In re Application of:

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RANDOM ARRAY OF MICRO-
SPHERES FOR THE ANALYSIS OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS

Serial No. 10/036,828

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before consideration of the pending application, and in response to
the Final Office Action dated 12 November 2004, please amend the above-
identified application, without prejudice, as set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.